**Letters/Journals/Diaries**

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| Author: | Thomas D. Newton |
| Date: | May 20,1862 |
| Place of Origin: | Madison County, Va. |
| An explanation of the subject/contents of the document: | Thomas is writing to his sister, Mary, about how he is doing. He explains how she is so lucky to be able to be at home. Thomas expresses how he took the comfort of home as something to be looked over before the war but how much he misses it. |
| ***\*Analysis:*** | Thomas writes to his sister about how the war is going for him. This gives a good soldiers input and makes you think even more about how life must have been as a soldier in the Civil War. It is defiantly apparent throughout the letter how much the comfort, peace, and security of home can be missed when out on the battlefield. He shows that he greatly regrets his attitude that was “disrespectful in days gone by” because he now wishes he could be with his family and at peace. He does not fully appreciate what he was doing at the time when he wrote the letter. He said if he was presented the opportunity to live or die he would most likely take the chance of death because he couldn’t stand the disrespect and brutality of what they were doing on the battlefield. This lets the reader know that even though the soldiers might be fighting they didn’t always see the point of what they were doing.  This letter makes me wonder how many of the soldiers didn’t want to be at their house rather than the battlefield. Also if they thought about the impact this war they were fighting in would have on the nations future. |
| Citation: | Newton, Thomas D. "Letter From Private Thomas D. Newton, 8th Louisiana Infantry." *The American Civil War Home Page*. Web. 20 Dec. 2010. <http://www.civilwarhome.com/newtonletter.htm>. |

**Newspaper Articles**

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| Author: |  |
| Date: | June 4, 1861 |
| Title: | Victory Will Be Ours |
| Place of Origin: | Staunton Spectator |
| Brief Summary: | This article helps Southerners not to be overwhelmed by the Federal Armies. They believed they were going to prove victorious because they were at an advantage of the battlefield and thought they were right |
| ***\*Analysis:*** | The way that this starts off is by reassuring the South that they should not be discouraged because of the enemies. The enemies might be large however they were right and would then prevail because of this fact. It is interesting to read articles from the different sides of the war because you gain a better understanding of what each side thought. The South were very proud and did not think they could be beat. What is also interesting is that they make a reference to the bible showing that they are very religious and will tie that into the war.  A few questions come to mind when this article is through. Such as how many times did the Southern soldiers think that they were going to be beaten in the war? Also how religious were the Southerners at this point in time? |
| Citation: | "Valley of the Shadow: Civil War-Era Newspapers." *The Valley of the Shadow: Two Communities in the American Civil War*. Web. 22 Dec. 2010. <http://valley.lib.virginia.edu/news/ss1861/va.au.ss.1861.06.04.xml#02>. |

**Image**

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| Author/Artist/Photographer |  |
| Date: |  |
| Title: | Dead Soldiers |
| A Copy (digital or hard copy) of the image |  |
| Description of the Image: | Dead soldiers lay in a field. |
| ***\*Analysis:*** | A sad sight to see but very common during the civil war. Dead soldiers lay amongst others in a field. The horrible thing of war is presented here. It makes you wonder what was going through their mind at the time of their death. The soldiers here were fighting against people of their own nation for reasons some people did not understand. It makes people sad to see that their ancestors died because of this war. I always wonder when I see a picture like this what the soldiers were thinking while they were fighting. Also how many families did not ever know that their loved one died? |
| Citation: | "EHistory at OSU | Maps & Images." *EHistory at OSU | Welcome to EHistory*. Web. 22 Dec. 2010. <http://ehistory.osu.edu/osu/maps/imageviewz.cfm?id=5>. |

**Song Lyric**

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| Author: | Julia Ward Howe |
| Date: | 1862 |
| Title: | “The Battle Hymn of the Republic” |
| Place of Origin: | Union |
| ***\*Analysis:*** | This song really ties together the soldier’s view of war with religion. They believed that they were fighting this war and the Lord was on their side and they would be helping him by taking part in the war. It is interesting in the fact that throughout the years the message of this song can be understood still but in a different way. Though the people of the United States will never forget the origin of this song, in modern day the song can be interpreted differently then it would have been back in 1862. Unknown to some people is the music to this song was taken from another song the lyrics were changed and it became more popularly known. The fact that God is mentioned throughout the song shows that the soldiers believed in him and were religious while the war was going on.    Knowing what I know about this song I still wonder how often this song was sung when it was a brand new song. I also wonder when this song was sung most often such as if it was sung when the soldiers were marching or when they were resting and eating. |
| Citation: | Howe, Julia W. "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." *Public Domain Music*. Web. 20 Dec. 2010. <http://www.pdmusic.org/civilwar/cws02.txt>. |